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SUBJ: VISIT BY CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, TO KUWAIT AND  
BAHRAIN

REF: MANAMA 0251

SUMMARY: ADMIRAL MOORER, CHAIRMAN JCS, HAD SUCCESSFUL VISITS  
KUWAIT AND BAHRAIN APRIL 14-15. IN KUWAIT ADMIRAL WAS CORDIALLY  
RECEIVED AND HAD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH ACTING AMIR, ACTING  
PRIME MINISTER, AND OTHER KUWAITIS. HE ALSO VISITED KOC WHERE  
HE MET AND TALKED WITH TOP OFFICIALS. VISIT HAS RECEIVED NO  
PUBLICITY. END SUMMARY

1. ADMIRAL MOORER, CHAIRMAN JCS, VISITED KUWAIT APRIL 15.  
DURING DAY ADMIRAL CALLED ON ACTING AMIR SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD,  
ACTING PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH SAAD AL-ABDULLA, AND HAD LUNCHEON  
WITH TOP KUWAIT OIL CO OFFICIALS.

2. IN UNUSUALLY FORTHCOMING AND CORDIAL TALK WITH ADMIRAL MOORER,  
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ACTING AMIR SPOKE APPROVINGLY OF US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

IN MIDEAST AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GULF AREA WOULD REMAIN A NEUTRAL, PEACEFUL AREA AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME A FOCUS FOR GREAT POWER RIVALRY. HE SAID SUCH AN INVOLVEMENT OF THE AREA WOULD NOT BE IN INTERESTS OF GREAT POWERS THEMSELVES OR SMALL AREA STATES. ADMIRAL EMPHASIZED USG GIVING TOP PRIORITY TO CEASE FIRE AND DISENGAGEMENT EFFORTS SO THAT TENSIONS COULD BE LOWERED AND NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE MIDEAST CRISIS COULD TAKE PLACE. RE US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS, ADMIRAL SAID WORLD WOULD BENEFIT FROM MUTUAL RESTRAINT IN BUILD-UP OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND OTHER BENEFITS OF DETENTE, BUT ADDED THAT US CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATING FROM POSITION OF STRENGTH. ACTING AMIR SAID HE AGREED, AND IN RESPONSE TO ADMIRAL'S MENTION OF US DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO KUWAIT IN DEFENSE NEEDS, SAID HE KNEW US COULD BE HELPFUL AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH US IN THAT FIELD.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH SHAIKH SAAD RE KUWAIT DEFENSE PROGRAM IN GENERAL, AIRCRAFT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. SHAIKH SAAD SAID GOK STILL CONSIDERING RECENT INFO EMBASSY HAD SUBMITTED ON A-7 AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US ABOUT IT. SAAD RESERVED HIS STRONGEST PITCH, HOWEVER, FOR OBTAINING TOW ANTI-TANK WEAPONS. ADMIRAL MOORER UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND INFORM AMBASSADOR AFTER HE RETURNED TO US.

4. COMMENT: SHAIKH JABER AND SHAIKH SAAD, AS WELL AS CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL MUBARAK AND OTHER KUWAITIS, RECEIVED ADMIRAL AND HIS PARTY CORDIALLY. ADMIRAL MOORER RESPONDED WARMLY AND SHOWED A KEEN INTEREST IN KUWAIT, ITS POLICIES, AND ITS OIL RESOURCES. WE CONSIDER ADMIRAL'S VISIT A DEFINITE SUCCESS AND BELIEVE HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH KUWAITIS HOSPITABLE TREATMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY OF THE VISIT.

5. RE ADMIRAL'S BAHRAIN TRIP (REFTEL) BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN ANSWER TO SHAIKH ISA'S COMMENTS RE IMPORTANCE OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT SOONEST (PARA 3 REFTEL) BOTH AMBASSADOR AND ADMIRAL MOORER EMPHASIZED TOP PRIORITY USG ATTACHES TO ITS EFFORTS TO HELP ACHIEVE SUCH A DISENGAGEMENT. BOTH EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPTIMISM THAT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

6. AMBASSADOR APPROVED SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE  
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